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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/466,113	KETRENO'S ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2003.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
 

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
  - a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ .
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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. In view of the Appeal Brief filed on 04/02/03, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. Non-Final rejection set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) request reinstatement of the appeal.

If reinstatement of the appeal is requested, such request must be accompanied by a supplemental appeal brief, but no new amendments, affidavits (37 CFR 1.130, 1.131 or 1.132) or other evidence are permitted. See 37 CFR 1.193(b)(2).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Golden et al (U.S. 6,272,127) and in view of Wlaschin (U.S. 6,182,121).

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As per claims 1,8,17 Golden disclosed a method comprising: receiving a request for a portion of a file system by a client (notifying whether the portion is stored in a first location associated with portions of the file system that have been previously stored by the client (col. 28, lines 35-53); However Golden did not disclose in details if not, determining whether the portion is stored in a second location associated with portions of the file system that were streamed to the client by a server.

In the same field of endeavor Wlaschin disclosed Partitions can be of various types. Journal partitions may be written to by a user and contain the user's updates to shared data items. In preferred embodiment, journal partitions reside on a storage device associated with a client computer in a client-server architecture (col. 4, lines 18-29).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated Partitions can be of various types. Journal partitions may be written to by a user and contain the user's updates to shared data items. In preferred embodiment, journal partitions reside on a storage device associated with a client computer in a client-server architecture by Wlaschin in the method of Golden to improve the method's storing capability and make the file allocation method more diverse.

4. As per claim 2,15,19 Golden-Wlaschin disclosed further comprising retrieving the portion from the server if not stored in the second location (Wlaschin, col. 18, lines 15-28).

5. As per claim 3,13 Golden-Wlaschin disclosed wherein identifying further comprises associating portions of the file system used by the client during start-up with the first location (Wlaschin, col. 4, lines 18-29).

6. As per claims 4,14,19 Golden-Wlaschin disclosed wherein determining further comprises associating the second location with portions of the file system that were streamed to the client using a multicast operation (Golden, col. 37, lines 26-32).

7. As per claims 5,22,23 Golden-Wlaschin disclosed wherein associating further comprises: monitoring accesses to a plurality of portions of the file system during start-up; retrieving the plurality of portions from the file system; and storing the plurality of portions in the first location (Golden, col. 28, lines 35-52).

8. As per claim 6,20,21 Golden-Wlaschin disclosed wherein associating further comprises: retrieving a plurality of portions from the file system using multicasting; and storing the plurality of portions in the second location (Golden, col. 37, lines 39-53).

9. As per claim 7,24 Golden-Wlaschin disclosed further comprising waiting for the portion 2 to be streamed to the client if not stored in the second location (Wlaschin, col. 4, lines 56-64).

10. As per claim 9 Wlaschin disclosed wherein the first location is a non-volatile storage medium (col. 6, lines 24-28).

11. As per claim 10,18 Golden-Wlaschin disclosed wherein the non-volatile storage medium is a flash memory device (Golden, col. 11, lines 1-5).

12. As per claim 11 Golden-Wlaschin disclosed wherein the second location is a volatile storage medium (Golden, col. 30, lines 22-34).

13. As per claim 12 Golden-Wlaschin disclosed wherein the volatile storage medium is a memory device (Golden, col. 30, lines 22-34).

14. As per claim 16 Golden-Wlaschin disclosed wherein the contents of the second location are procured as a background operation (Wlaschin, col. 11, lines 26-35).

***Conclusion***

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (703)-305-4633.
16. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on (703)-308-5221. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239.

17. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

(703)-746-7239 (For Status Inquiries, Informal or Draft Communications, please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT");

(703)-746-7239 (For Official Communications Intended for entry, please mark "EXPEDITED PROCEDURE"),

(703)-746-7238 (For After Final Communications).

18. Any Inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-305-3900.

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